

1 funds to treat everyone who's been affected by this
2 addiction.

3 Ironically, should this go into effect,
4 some of the contributors would be investing in their
5 own future for they, too, may one day need help with
6 a gambling problem.

7 Only by establishing treatment programs
8 can we protect the children. How have our children
9 been impacted while living with a compulsive gambler?
10 For too many of them this disease has taken away what
11 all the money in the world cannot buy.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

14 I'd like to take this time to thank those
15 of you who have come before the Commission this
16 evening to tell your stories and to share with the
17 Commission.

18 I also want to thank probably one of our
19 unsung heros in the room, our signer right over here,
20 and I want to thank you. I know how difficult that
21 can be particularly for this long a period of time,
22 and I do want to thank you.

1 For those individuals who are on the
2 waiting list but did not have the opportunity to
3 present tonight, I want you to know that this
4 Commission is a very hard working Commission, and that
5 they do read the volumes of material that come in, and
6 so you have the opportunity to submit your testimony
7 in writing, and it will be a part of our deliberative
8 process.

9 Again, I want to thank those of you who
10 came out to participate in this public forum. I think
11 it speaks well of the City of Atlantic City to have as
12 many of its citizens turn out tonight in order to be
13 heard before this Commission.

14 We are truly grateful to you and assure
15 you that your time is valued by us, and we so much
16 appreciate your input into our process.

17 Having said that, I would ask you to join
18 us tomorrow as we continue our deliberative process,
19 and we have several expert panels that will be
20 presenting to the Commission.

21 Again, thank you to those who made our
22 site visits possible today and who contributed to our

1 time.

2 The meeting stands adjourned until 8:30
3 tomorrow morning.

4 (Whereupon, at 9:05 p.m., the meeting was
5 adjourned, to reconvene at 8:30 a.m., Thursday,
6 January 22, 1998.)

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